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Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration Distributes \$15.9M in Rental Assistance

ERA Program Application Period Temporarily Pausing on June 13, 2022

Hagåtña, Guam - The Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration provides the following update on the Guam Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program:

"To date, our Administration has delivered \$15.9 million in rental and utility assistance to support the resilience of nearly 4,000 households in need of the relief available through the ERA Program," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "As our people rejoin Guam's growing workforce, we are confident that lifeline programs like ERA are helping to ensure struggling families and individuals secure their housing, utilities, and other critical needs on our road to recovery."

"Our island's careful shift into recovery must continue to balance the needs of our community," said Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio. "As we continue pushing forward with skilled workforce training programs and economic expansion initiatives, we trust our people will be empowered to seize the growing opportunities for increased stability and sustainable livelihoods."

The ERA Program, launched in March 2021, will temporarily pause receiving applications on June 13, 2022 in order to process applications received to date. Pre-eligible applicants may submit documents to the drop box at the ERA Program office on the 2nd Floor of the ITC Building in Tamuning. ERA allocations are paid directly to landlords and utility companies on behalf of renters. Assistance is available for up to 12 months of arrears and is not eligible for rental and or utility arrears incurred prior to March 2020. Prior-approved ERA recipients in need of additional assistance must submit a Continuance of Assistance Request (CAR) Form, available at doa.guam.gov, to the ERA Program for assessment. The ERA Program closes on September 30, 2022.

For more information, visit <u>doa.guam.gov</u> or contact the Guam ERA Program at <u>ERA@doa.guam.gov</u> or 671-638-4518/19.